

MEDIA RELEASE

Santa Barbara Airport Master Plan Public Information Workshop – July 11 at 6 p.m.

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The **Santa Barbara Airport** invites interested members of the public to attend the second of four public information workshops on July 11, 2012, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to discuss the ongoing preparation of a new Master Plan for the **Santa Barbara Airport**.

Workshop Location:

Santa Barbara Airport Administration Building 601 Firestone Road Santa Barbara, California 93117 (Next to the Elephant Bar Restaurant)

The workshop will be an open house format with exhibits on display, along with Airport staff and aviation consultants on hand to answer questions regarding the Airport and the planning process. This workshop will focus on demand and capacity issues as well as facility requirements for the Airport. Anyone interested may drop by between 6:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

The Airport Master Plan is an evaluation of current and forecasted airport activity, facility requirements, and a review of various alternatives for Santa Barbara Airport. The objective of the Airport Master Plan is to provide guidance for future development which will satisfy aviation demand in an environmentally and fiscally responsible manner while adhering to appropriate Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) safety design standards. Through coordinated review by the City of Santa Barbara, the FAA, airport users, and the public, a recommended development concept will evolve which serves as a guide to realistic and achievable airport development.

An Airport Master Plan Advisory Committee of approximately 20 residents, airport users, and representatives from local, state, and federal agencies, will meet during the course of the Master Plan process to review the work of the aviation consultants and offer advice and suggestions.

In addition to the public workshops, information will be available on <u>FlySBA.com</u>, where the public can obtain information on the status of the study and download and review study materials. The airport planning firm Coffman Associates, Inc. has been retained to prepare the Plan. This Plan is funded by the City of Santa Barbara and the FAA.

For more information, please visit the Airport's website: <u>FlySBA.com</u>, or contact Hazel Johns, Assistant Airport Director at (805) 967-7111.

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